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INTERIOR'S VITAL ROLE IN SUPPLYING FISH FOR FOOD TO BE EXHIBITED  
AT FIFTH INTERNATIONAL FOOD CONGRESS IN NEW YORK

The third panel illustrates the newly developed fish products made possible by technological research and advancement--irradiated fish which have a much longer shelf life than fresh fish, and fish protein concentrate (FPC) which could be the

lifeline of the future for millions of the world's undernourished and protein-deficient populations.

The services of the Bureau in the field of marketing are shown in the final panel of the exhibit, including research conducted in test kitchens at the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Technological Laboratory at College Park, Md. Some of the research equipment used by the Bureau, illustrations of the various market forms of fish and of people enjoying the products of these tremendously widespread activities, complete the display.

"Fishery products play such an important role in a nutritious diet today that it has been decided that this source of nutrition merits special consideration," the food Congress said in inviting the Bureau to participate in the international event.

In replying on behalf of the Department, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said fisheries research heralds new frontiers in nutrition and health for America's citizens and its neighbors across the seas.

"Fish protein offers the most practical way of meeting the dietary needs of the undernourished of the world," Secretary Udall wrote. "Fish can further play a vital role in improving the nutritional well-being and health of our citizens... the food industry--the final link from sea and farm to table--is in unique position to influence the buying and eating habits of the public. We know that the food industry is vitally interested in bringing the most nutritious and healthful food products to the consumer."

Secretary Udall is a member of the Committee of Honor of the Fifth International Food Congress and will be represented at the meetings by officials of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

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